

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [02]-[04] with the following amended paragraphs:

[02] In these days, various types of disposable diapers have been developed ~~improved very well~~.

[03] One of ~~the representative~~ examples of disposable diapers is disclosed in Japanese Patent Publication No. 94-93901. This ~~patented invention directs to provide~~ publication pertains to an absorbent article having a dual barrier system ~~against the~~ avoid side leakage ~~[[by]]~~ with a standing cuff and a gasketing cuff.

[04] However, according to the inventors' study, ~~[[the]]~~ a barrier effect to avoid the side leakage is limited despite the dual barrier system, and ~~by utilizing a structurally considered standing cuff, it is found that~~ much higher barrier effect~~[[,]]~~ can be obtained by utilizing a structurally considered standing cuff without the gasketing cuff.

Please replace paragraph [145] with the following amended paragraph:

[145] As shown in Figs. 13 and 15 ~~Fig. 13~~, in the front and back ends of the standing cuff B in its longitudinal direction the portion corresponding to the above-said standing portion B11 (the extension of the standing portion B1) is fixed to the diaper body (see Fig. 15), concretely to the external surface of the liquid pervious sheet 1, by laying the portion B11 toward the longitudinal centerline of the diaper, while the portion corresponding to the above-said surface-contacting portion B22 (the extension of the surface-contacting portion B2) being folded back and inverted is fixed to the portion corresponding to the standing portion B11 (see Fig. 15).